To the

RIGHT HONOURABLE

THE

LORDS and COMMONS

Assembled in

PARLIAMENT:

The Humble

PETITION

OF

Those well affected to Government, both young men and Apprentices of the City of *London*; subscribed by above ten thousand hands.

Presented to both Houses of Parliament on Wednesday the 14. of *July*. 1647.

Together with the Answers of both the Honourable Houses thereunto.

LONDON:

Printed for *John Wright* at the Kings Head in the old Bayley. July 16. 1647.

Six of the Petitioners being at the Doore of the Houſe of Peeres were all immediatly called up to the Bar, where one of them in the name of the Subſcribers ſpake as followeth:

My Lord:

IF *it may pleaſe this Honourable Houſe, we are commanded by the Young men and Apprentices of the City of* London, *to preſent your Honours with this their humble Petition, being in perſuance of their Covenant with God which is upon them, humbly craving your charitable conſtructions, their ends being ſingle for the glory of God, the peace of the Kingdome, and vindication of this Parliament.*

To

To the Right Honourable the Lords in the High Court of PARLIAMENT assembled.

The humble Petition of divers well-affected young men and Apprentices of the City of LONDON, &c.

Humbly sheweth:

THat your Petitioners have, with the forwardest, been ever ready in this common Cause of Religion, Laws and Liberties, to adventure their lives for the preservation thereof, which we hoped after so much expence of Blood, and (by Gods Providence) such happy successe of your Armies, would have been setled to us, and our Posterities in a lasting Peace; yet to the griefe of our hearts, your Petitioners cannot but take notice, how in these unhappy times of distraction, divers discontented Per-

sons labour to sowe new seeds of discord and division amongst us, whereby Incendiaries and Malignants are incouraged, your faithfullest friends discountenanced, the Priviledges of Parliament violated, Magistracy oppoſed, the Publike Worship of God sleighted, and the Liberties and properties of the Subiects much endangered; All which your Petitioners laying sadly to heart, and having more before their eyes the glory of God, and the happinesse of His Majesties Kingdomes, then their owne private interests (which we shall readily sacrifice for the Publike) doe in all humility most humbly pray:

1 That according to our solemne League and Covenant, his Majesties Royall Person may be defended, and that His just Power and Greatnesse, (in the preservation and defence of the true Religion, and Liberties of the Kingdomes) may be established.

2 That the Rights and Priviledges of Parliament may be vindicated, and the lawfull Liberties and property of the Subjects preserved and maintained.

3 That the Government of the Church may

may be ſpeedily ſetled; Conventicles (the Seminaries of ſeparation) ſuppreſt, and a toleration of licentious liberty effectually declared againſt.

4 That all Incendiaries, Malignants, and evill inſtruments which hinder the Reformation of Religion, dividing the King from His people, or one of His Kingdomes from another, or make any Faction or Parties among the people (contrary to the ſolemne League and Covenant) may be brought to publike Triall, and receive condigne puniſhment.

5 That all obſtructions in the Ordinary Courts of Juſtice may be removed, and the inſufferable abuſe of Committees, and their Officers conſidered.

6 That the Arreares of your Souldiery of this Kingdome may be ſatisfied, and ſecurity granted for their further indempnity, for all Acts done (by them) *Tempore & loco belli.*

7 That the Army now on foot may be diſbanded, or otherwiſe diſpoſed of, that ſo this almoſt exhauſted Kingdome may be freed from thoſe many grievous Taxes and oppreſſions it now groanes under.

8 And

8 And whereas there have been, and ſtill are great abuſes, and inſufferable injuries done to your Petitioners by the ſale of Freedoms, and Forreiners intruding into the Suburbs and Places neare adjacent to this City, whereby your Petitioners are much diſcouraged in their ſervices, the Free-men of this City prejudiced, and the Franchiſes and Liberties thereof infringed. We therefore humbly beſeech this Honourable Aſſembly to reſolve on ſome courſe (as in your Wiſdomes ſhall thinke fit) as well for the expulſion of ſuch as have ſo unduly crept in amongſt us, as for the future prevention of the like inſufferable injuries that may redound to your Petitioners hereafter.

And your Peritioners being al waies ready to adventure their lives and fortunes for your defence and preſervation ſhall ever pray, &c.

Die

Die Mercurii, 14. Julij. 1647.

Gentlemen;

THe Lords have commanded me to returne you hearty thanks for the good affections, and pious care, for the Publike Peace of this Kingdome, which you have expreſſed by your Petition. Their Lordſhips will take the particulars thereof into their ſpeedy conſideration.

Jo. Brown Cler. Parliament.

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Die Mercurii, 14. Julii. 1647.

Reſolved, &c.

THat the Anſwer to the Petitioners ſhall be, That the Houſe has divers matters of this Petition under conſideration, and will take the reſt into conſideration in due time: Sir Thomas Soame *and Maſter* Vaſſall *are appointed to acquaint the Petitioners with this Anſwer.*

H. Elſyng. Cler Parl. D. Com.

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